

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office action dated August 4, 2004.

Objection to the Specification:

In the specification, the text from page 17, line 1 to page 19, line 7 has been amended so that the reference numerals properly refer to Fig. 1. It is believed that the amendments overcome the objections set forth in the Office action, and such indication is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12, 20-28, and 47-54 remain in this application. Claims 13-19 and 29-46 have been cancelled.

The Examiner is thanked for his indication that claims 12, 13, 29, and 52 would be allowable if amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims, as well as overcoming some 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, concerns. In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 13, which depends directly from claim 1. Allowable claim 12, which depends directly from claim 1, has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Independent claim 20 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 29, which depends directly from claim 20. Finally, independent claim 47 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 52, which depends directly from claim 47. Additionally, all 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, rejections have been corrected in all remaining claims.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 1, 13, 20, and 47 are now in condition for allowance, and such indication is respectfully submitted. Additionally, claims 2-12, 21-28, and 48-54 depend from and include all of the limitations of the amended allowable independent claims 1, 20, and 47, respectively. Thus, the remaining dependent claims are also in condition for allowance, and such indication is respectfully submitted.

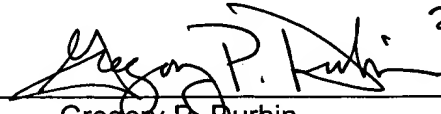
This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a check in the amount of \$180.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Should any other fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 as necessary.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.
If the Examiner should have any questions or concerns, please call the undersigned attorney at
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Respectfully submitted,

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